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| In re Application of:       |                             | ) | ) : Examiner: Melanie M. Vida |                        |  |
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| MINORU HAYASAKI             |                             | ) | Group Art Unit: 2626          |                        |  |
| Application No.: 09/449,972 |                             | ) | Group Art Omt. 202            | .0                     |  |
| Filed: November 26, 1999    |                             | ) |                               | RECEIVED               |  |
| For:                        | IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, | ) |                               |                        |  |
|                             | AND IMAGE COMMUNICATION     | : | ļ                             | APR 3 0 2004           |  |
|                             | APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING    | ) | <i>'</i>                      |                        |  |
|                             | IMAGE INFORMATION, AND      | : |                               | Technology Center 2600 |  |
|                             | METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE  | ) |                               |                        |  |
|                             | SAME                        | : | April 27, 2004                |                        |  |

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir;

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please amend this application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 7.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                              |   |       |                                       |                  |                |                   |
|--|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|  | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                | * 16                                      | MINUS | ** 20                                 | = 0              | x \$9<br>\$18  | \$ 0              |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                               | * 4                                       | MINUS | *** 4                                 | = 0              | x \$43<br>\$86 | \$ 0              |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 |   |       |                                       |                  |                |                   |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT        |   |       |                                       |                  | \$ 0           |                   |

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|   | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.  |
|   | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
|   | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for amonth extension is enclosed.  |
|   | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.  |
| X | Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.  |
|   | Respectfully submitted,   |
|   | Attorney for Applicant  |

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